



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging and the State of Hawai'i are committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging raises awareness that Hawai'i's population aged 60 and above will increase by over 60 percent by 2030, and approximately 270,000 *kūpuna* and 170,000 family caregivers comprise over 440,000 consumers, nearly 30 percent of Hawai'i's total population; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging highlights that older adults in Hawai'i have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging recognizes the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging underlines that our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by: emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize; and providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults—falls, motor vehicle-related accidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire and burns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing older adults, and those who serve and support them, as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to the community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i